is due to excessive lead content in our petrol;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to bring a legislation before Parliament to scrap old auto vehicles; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, gives the enabling power, empowering the Government to fix the age limit for different vehicles. Though this enabling provision exists, the Government of India have so far not taken any decision and have not issued any instructions for fixing the age limit of any type of vehicles.

Action against Industries causing Pollution

1079. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propoes to take a tough stand against industries which release their toxic effluents into the atmosphere polluting the environment; and

(b) what is the number of cases against industries booked and prosecuted for causing pollution during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONAND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by States, the number of cases filed by the various Pollution Control Boards under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 during the preceding three years are 2386 and 594 respectively.

Eco-Task Force

1080. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious doubts have arisen over deployment of Defence personnel in Eco-Task Forces raised in 1982 as per the news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 21st June, 1989; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the policy and hand over this activity to the Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Diamond Park in Orissa

1081. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Diamond Parks in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of Diamond Parks proposed to be set up at different places;

(c) whether Government propose to set up one such Park in Phulbani district of Orissa; and

(d) if not, which place has been identified in the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) No Sir. Howeve a Public Limited Co. known as the Diamond and Gem Development Corporation incorporated under Section-25 of the Indian Companies Act propose to set up Diamond Parks at Sachin in Surat, Jaipur and Haldwani in U.P.

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa has stated that it has no proposal to set up Diamond Parks anywhere in that State.